

EDSB GOES RE-WILDING

FAMILY CONSERVATION DAY



MAKE IT WILD

EDSB's First Re-Wilding Day

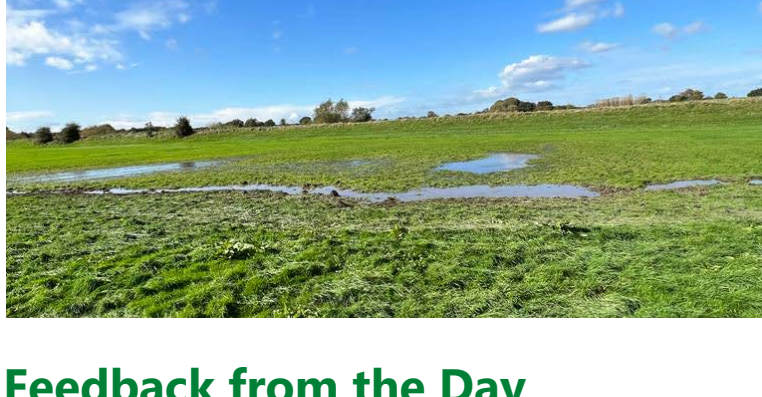
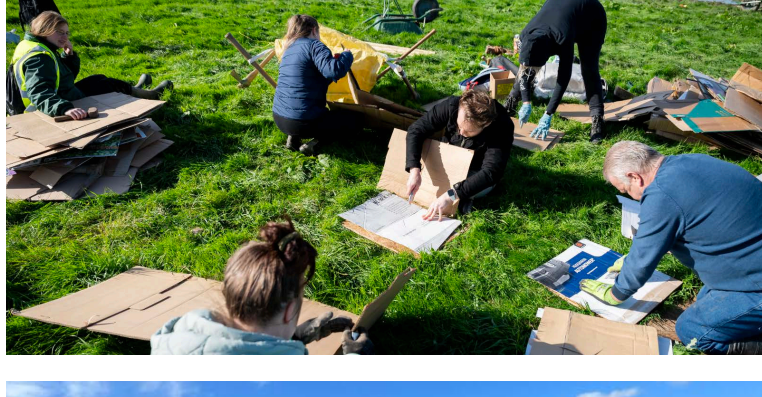
On Saturday 14th October, EDSB Compliance Solutions participated in their first 'Re-Wilding' day at Kirk Hammerton near York, in conjunction with specialists 'Make it Wild'. Over 35 people attended from EDSB, generously giving up their weekend to take part in various activities to improve wildlife habitats from making 'Bug Hotels' and mulching newly planted trees to digging 'scrapes' which are shallow ponds built to encourage birds and other wildlife into the area.

EDSB are proud to launch this new activity into the business and although everybody's hard work doesn't directly contribute towards our own Carbon Reduction strategy, we feel this type of event is a valuable contribution towards making our country a better place, re-using farmland which would not be used for any other purpose.



The Activities

The 'bug' hotels use natural materials to create habitats for invertebrates of all kinds to hide away from predators and reproduce. Insects are pollinators and form a key part of the food chain, so it's incredibly important to give them the space to thrive. We even had a cricket and a caterpillar move in by themselves before the day was done! The cardboard mulch mats are applied to give young saplings the best chance of survival. Without them, the surrounding grass can outcompete the infant tree for resources, such as sunlight, water, and nutrients, until the tree has become established. The scrape is part of the larger wetland restoration at the Skipbridge site and will hold water on the site, especially after the regular flooding that occurs in the area. It will create habitats for wading birds, as well as many insects who lay their eggs in water. Not only this but holding water upstream can also help reduce flooding in urban areas. Want to learn more about all the things nature does for us? Search for "Ecosystem services" on Google.



Feedback from the Day

"Thank you to everyone who gave up their free time to participate in EDSB's first Re-Wilding Day. Not only did we get a great number of volunteers but their commitment and hard work on the day was extremely impressive in typical EDSB style. *#OneTeam*"

Mark Solomon



"It was great to see to children enjoy the day and thank god it was a nice day! No rain, no extreme heat just a pleasant day."

Graham Hunt

"It was truly heartwarming to see so many people come together to transform a piece of land into a thriving wetland and give wildlife a helping hand. We were beaming with pride for making a positive impact on our environment and safeguarding the precious wildlife around us."

Mikela Read

"I had a great outdoor day meeting lots of people within EDSB. It's great how we can all get together to contribute to saving the environment. It was hard work but definitely worth it!"

Brooke Parker



LEGENDS OF THE DAY



Karl Copeland, his wife Kirsty, and their little one AJ were the absolute rockstars of the day! They rolled up their sleeves, got their hands dirty, and dug that scrape like champs, not caring one bit about getting muddy. Their efforts made some serious progress. We're super grateful for their hard work and dedication!

Karl shared, "AJ enjoyed splashing in the big puddle and asked if we was doing it again next weekend!! Personally, I think he made everyone laugh with his bossiness. I'd also like to say it was nice to see and speak to people who I wouldn't interact with on a daily basis."

Word from John Burgess, Partnership Manager

John Burgess (second from the left), at Make it Wild explains more, "Our team at Make It Wild are all concerned about the negative impact that human activity over time has had on the natural world, and so we've all decided to do something about it. By restoring areas for the benefit of biodiversity, we give nature the best chance of survival in those areas – and we see that recovery happen quickly! Give nature a space and it will return. That being said, we are only a small team, and so the support that EDSB provided was invaluable to help us increase the positive impact we can have for nature. While the financial contribution will be put to good use, the EDSB team worked really hard on the day and nature will thank them all for their efforts. Its brilliant to partner with such an environmentally focused company, and we hope they'll come back again".



EDSB Youth Working Towards the Future

EDSB were delighted to see so many children and teenagers getting involved in the activities, as these type of events seem quite rare nowadays with distractions like mobile phones and social media. We are glad everyone who took part was so committed and interested to know what their hard work was creating.



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